

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1988 AT 9:15 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Fazio, M. Kusy,
K. Lipke, B. MacKay, R.H. Pallen, C.Y. Suen,
A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent:

G. Johns, A. Mohammad, E. Reyes,
M.N.S. Swamy, M. Szabo

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-88-09-15-D47 COMMENTARY ON THE ACADEMIC PLANNING PROCESS
1989-1991

SRC-88-09-15-D48 SRC - CENTRES QUESTIONNAIRE

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Kusy, MacKay) and unanimously
RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting
of 15 September 1988 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A. Networks of Centres of Excellence

2.1 The Chair stated that the Centres of Excellence program
is aimed at the development of inter-university research
groupings, preferably pan-Canadian, which are likely to
have significance for the economic development of Canada.

- 2.2 The Chair informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of the letters of intent is the end of September and the deadline for submission of the final proposals is the end of November.
- 2.3 The Chair stated that Concordia is involved in the following areas: CFD, Transport, Telecommunications, Robotics, Neurosciences, Ceramics, Spine Research, Building Studies, Communications, and Composites.

B. Centre Fleuve St-Laurent

- 2.1 The Chair mentioned that an Environmental Committee has been set up at Concordia to look into the Federal government's initiative regarding the St-Lawrence River.
- 2.2 The Chair asked the Vice-Dean of Commerce and Administration whether there is anyone in the faculty with environmental management expertise who might be interested in participating in this Committee.

C. Rapport - 'L'Avenir Technologique'

- 2.1 The Chair stated that a technological summit will be held in mid-October. It is reported that eight to ten people from Concordia have been invited by the Premier's office.

D. Report from Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

- 2.1 Ms. Williams reported that work on the Arts & Science faculty profiles continued over the summer and that the Fine Arts and Commerce faculties will follow.
- 2.2 The Committee was informed that the 1987-88 annual research funding results were in and that they would be distributed to the Committee at the next meeting.
- 2.3 Ms. Williams reported that the Director of the UQAM-R&D-CONCORDIA Office, Mr. Roch Prud'Homme, had met with approximately thirty Concordia researchers and that he is presently working on nine technological projects at Concordia.

- 2.4 The Chair stated that a venture-type company is being looked at as a possible source of funding, providing technology transfer between the University and external industrial clients.
- 2.5 Ms. Williams stated that a memo will be sent to all faculties asking the Research Committees to report on their internal distribution of research funds.

III. RESEARCH COMMITTEE INPUT TO 'ACADEMIC PLANNING FOR 1989-1991'
(SRC-88-09-15-D47)

- 3.1 The Chair referred to the draft document 'Commentary on the Academic Planning Process' and stated that it attempts to develop an account of the situation, as well as offer a collection of observations on the climate.
- 3.2 After some discussion, it was agreed that the Committee would submit written input (revisions, comments, etc.) by 1 October 1988 to the Chair in order to have the document put back on the October SRC Agenda.

IV. SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH CENTRES (SRC-88-09-15-D48)

- 4.1 At the May 1988 SRC meeting, it was decided that another meeting of Centre Directors and Vice-Deans would be arranged to allow discussion of Concordia's Research Centres.
- 4.2 The 'SRC - Centres Questionnaire' was distributed to the Committee. The issue for discussion was whether this was a suitable questionnaire for initiating discussion among Centre Directors.
- 4.3 The SRC was invited to submit suggestions or changes to the document to the Chair by 1 October 1988.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Meeting time. The Senate Research Committee meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning with the meeting of 6 October 1988.

5.2 SRC membership. The Chair informed the Vice-Dean of Arts & Science that the Arts & Science representative had yet to be named to the Committee. The Chair indicated that we will only be able to nominate the other vacant seat on the Committee (one of two positions providing a 'balanced' representation) when we learn of the Arts & Science member.

The Chair stated that two new graduate students were named to the Committee. They are: Ansar Mohammad, Commerce & Administration and Edgardo Reyes, Engineering.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.